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SUBJECT: ICCS: LETTER ON FINANCES ICCS CHAIRMAN, OCTOBER 10

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1. IN SPECIAL ICCS SESSION ON FINANCIAL SITUATION OCTOBER 9
COMMISSION DECIDED ADDRESS FURTHER APPEAL TO FOUR PARTIES
EMPHASIZING ICCS NEED FOR IMMEDIATE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PARTIES.
LETTER, DATED OCTOBER 10, RECEIVED BY EMB OCTOBER 11, WAS SIGNED
BY AMB ESZTERGALYOS AS OCTOBER CHAIRMAN.

2. TEXT OF LETTER AS FOLLOWS: THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

IN MY CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF
CONTROL AND SUPERVISION I AM AUTHORIZED TO CALL ONCE AGAIN YOUR
ATTENTION TO THE SERIOUS FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE ICCS AND TO
REQUEST YOUR URGENT ACTION.

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SINCE THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S MEMORANDUM ON THE FINANCIAL STATUS

OF THE ICCS DATED 10 SEPTEMBER 1973 THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE ICCS HAS FURTHER DETERIORATED. AS OF 10 OCTOBER 1973 THE BANK BALANCE OF ICCS AMOUNTED ONLY TO 130,467.08 US DOLLARS AND TO 40,000.00 US DOLLARS WHICH REPRESENTED AN ADVANCE PAYMENT TO THE FEDERAL ELECTRIC CORPORATION, ONE OF THE CONTRACTORS OF THE ICCS.

AT THE SAME TIME, ICCS COMMITMENTS TO BE MET THIS MONTH AMOUNT TO 3,223,552.68 US DOLLARS. THIS INCLUDES THE PAYMENTS OF 1,019,184.75 US DOLLARS TO AIR AMERICA INC., 801,681.05 US DOLLARS TO PACIFIC ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERING CO., 207,989.65 US DOLLARS TO COVER OTHER ICS COMMITMENTS AND 1,194,697.00 US DOLLARS TO PAY FOOD SUPPLEMENTS TO ICCS MEMBERS. IF ICCS DOES NOT MEET ITS MOST IMMEDIATE OBLIGATIONS AS INDICATED ABOVE THE CONTRACTORS WOULD SUSPEND THEIR SERVICES TO THE ICCS AT ANY TIME IN THE NEAR FUTURE AS THEY ALREADY THREATENED TO DO SO ON 31 AUGUST 1973 AND THAT LEAVES THE ICCS OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY AT LIMBO.

THE ICCS AT PRESENT WOULD NEED A MINIMUM FUND OF 8,443,552.45 US DOLLARS; TO MEET IS IMMEDIATE OBLIGATIONS OF 3,223,552.68 US DOLLARS PLUS THREE MONTHS OPERATING COSTS AMOUNTING TO 5,220,000.00 US DOLLARS AT THE CURRENT LEVEL OF EXPENDITURES. THIS FUND INCLUDES NEITHER THE ENCUMBRANCES OF 1,800,000.00 US DOLLARS ON CONTRACTORS' ACCOUNTS NOR REIMBURSEMENTS TO ICCS DELEGATIONS FOR THEIR EXPENDITURES ON BEHALF OF ICCS SINCE 28 JANUARY 1973 UP TO THIS DATE.

NEEDLESS TO SAY THAT THE NATIONAL DELEGATIONS TO THE ICCS ACT IN THEIR CAPACITY AS INVITED PARTIES AND WOULD LIKE TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE FOUR PARTIES SIGNATORIES TO THE NEED OF ENSURING THE CONTINUING AND PROPER FUNCTIONING OF THIS COMMISSION.

THE COMMISSION, IN A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION WITH THE FOUR PARTIES SIGNATORIES, IS NOW UNDERTAKING AN URGENT REVIEW FOR THE PREPARATION OF A NEW AND REVISED BUDGET WITH THE VIEW OF REDUCING ITS EXPENDITURES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION REQUESTS THE PARTIES, UNTIL THEY AGREE ON THE REVISED BUDGET, TO URGENTLY PROVIDE THE COMMISSION WITH THE MINIMUM FUND REQUESTED.

YOUR MOST URGENT ATTENTION AND SPEEDY RESPONSE WOULD BE HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL

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APPRECIATED.

FERENC ESZTERGALYOS/AMBASSADOR
CHAIRMAN OF THE ICCS
HEAD OF THE HUNGARIAN DELEGATION
TO THE ICCS.
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